

Proceedings
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION 1946/1121.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

Monday the 5th August 1946/20th Karkatakam 1121.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. in the Legislative Chamber, with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:-

1. Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair (*Secretary to Government.*)
2. Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government.*)
3. Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health.*)
4. Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai (*Assistant Director of Agriculture in charge.*)
5. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies.*)
6. Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
7. Mr. G. Nilacantan (*Co-opted for the Viswakarma Bill.*)
8. Mr. N. Velu Achari (*Co-opted for the Viswakarma Bill.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Protection against Malaria.

485. * MR. D. THOMAS: (*Kalkulam cum Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the arrangements made to protect against malaria the coolies working in the Perunchani scheme; and

(b) the number of officers and labourers so far attacked by malaria?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): (a) Arrangements made for protection against malaria come under two distinct groups, viz.,

- (i) Control measures and
- (ii) Prophylactic measures.

[Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai.]

Oiling of breeding places with Crude Oil, parisgreening and naturalistic methods of larvicidal control are resorted to, to do away with the growth of mosquito larvae. All the residential houses within a zone of nearly one mile from the cooly lines are regularly sprayed with pyrethrum mixture and occasionally with D. D. T. to destroy adult mosquitoes. These items of work aimed at the destruction of mosquito larvae and adult mosquitoes constitute the preventive measures adopted.

Anti-malaria drugs are administered to malaria patients as a curative measure.

(b) No fresh cases of Malaria have occurred among the officers or resident coolies at Perunchani since the formation of the existing Malaria Special Office in Makaram 1121.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kuntnatnad cum Parur*): May I know the number of malaria attacks before the formation of the existing malaria special office at Perunchani?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: There was one solitary instance of an officer having been attacked with malaria.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of coolies who have had an attack of malaria?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Many coolies were not living in that particular area. They had to be coaxed and taken to that place from elsewhere and so they were almost free from malaria.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: So, am I to take it that there was no attack of malaria among the coolies that worked there?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: At the time of starting the work, there was no malaria attack among the coolies.

Deaths due to epidemics etc.

486. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of deaths throughout the State caused by the following causes in the year 1120?

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| 1. Malaria | 4. Tuberculosis |
| 2. Cholera | 5. Snake bite |
| 3. Smallpox | 6. Motor accident. |

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:

<i>Name of disease.</i>	<i>Deaths reported in 1120.</i>
1. Malaria	1,854
2. Cholera	Nil.
3. Smallpox	632
4. Tuberculosis	3,760
5. Snake bite and wild animals	302
6. Motor accidents	36